

# Just Data Lab Palestine Summer Syllabus

## Pre-Lab Readings

### Required Readings

- [Notes from A Princeton Divestment Campaign](#)
- [The Gaza Protests Were a Mask off Moment for Universities](#)
- [Pick 2-3 infographics from this page by Visualizing Palestine to read](#)

### Suggested Readings

- Peruse [Palestine for Newbies](#) (Refer to this page for news and analysis sources to follow to utilize to stay updated on Palestine)
- [From Harlem to Palestine: Globalize the Intifada Communiqué on the Liberation of Hind's Hall by the Columbia U. Encampment for Palestine](#) (Article)

## Week 1: The History & Testimonies from Palestine

### Required Readings

- Read Introduction sections 1-6 in [Introduction to the Struggle to Decolonize Palestine](#)
- [The 1948 Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine Ilan Pappé](#) (17 pages)
- [What Was Palestine Before the Nakba? By Mohammed El-Kurd](#) (Article)
- [The Right to Speak for Ourselves by Mohammed El-Kurd](#) (Article PDF [here](#))
- [Instagram Post by Palestinian Museum about Palestine and the Archive](#)
- [Born Palestinian. Born Black Suheir Hammad](#) (Poetry Book)
  - To check out the book, go to "Princeton users: View digital content" and you can check it out for 3 hours. After you are finished, please return it as only one student can access it at a time.
  - If you would prefer to listen to the "The Gaza Suite," readings in Ramallah, Palestine in 2009 by the author are linked below. Highly recommended.
    - [Gaza](#)
    - [Rafah](#)
    - [Tel al-Hawa](#)
    - [Jabalia](#)

■ [Zaytoun](#)

- [Channel 4 Documentary Kill Zone: Inside Gaza: Dispatches](#)
- [“Whatever Hell Is, This Is Worse”](#)
- [Scenes from Gaza](#)
- Choose 3 short stories from [Gaza Writes Back: Short Stories from Young Writers in Gaza, Palestine](#) edited by martyred Palestinian writer and educator Refaat Alareer who is still under the rubble
- [Melodies to Missiles: A Gaza Musician's Testimony](#)

## Suggested Resources

- [On the Limits of Sumud in Genocide: A Message from Gaza](#) (Testimony from Gaza)
- [Gaza Fights for Freedom documentary \(1:23:57\)](#)
- Peruse [Palestine for Newbies](#) (Refer to this page for news and analysis sources to follow to utilize to stay updated on Palestine)
- [The Hundred Years' War on Palestine — Rashid Khalidi](#) (Book, 182 pages)
- [Jewish settlers stole my house. It's not my fault they're Jewish. By Mohammed El-Kurd](#) (Article)
- [Jenin, Jenin \(free on YouTube, 53:00\)](#)

## Week 2: Solidarity Movements

### Required Readings

- [Freedom is a Constant Struggle Angela Y. Davis](#) (Book, 148 pages)
- [Leila Khaled Interview: Palestine is an International Liberation Struggle \(October 27, 2023, Video, 28:05\)](#)
- [The Untold History of Black-Palestinian Solidarity \(Video, 16:48\)](#)
- [Afro-Palestinians talk heritage and resistance](#) (Article)
- [Archiving Black Palestinian Solidarity: Visions of Liberation 1968-2021](#) (Video, 9:54)
- [Marc Lamont Hill, Noura Erakat and Aja Monet on Black-Palestinian Solidarity, 2021](#) (Video, 13:00)
- Peruse [A visual history of Black-Palestinian solidarity](#)
- [Excerpt “To Die for the People: The Writings of Huey P. Newton”](#) edited by Toni Morrison (Pages 191-205, Chapters “On the Middle East” and “Repression Breeds Resistance”)
- [Framing Resistance Call and Response: Reading Assata Shakur’s Black Revolutionary Radicalism in Palestine](#) (7 pages)

### Suggested Readings

- [Introductory Q&A Session: Khury Petersen-Smith - Black and Palestinian Solidarities](#) (2021, Video, 1:09:00)
- [Black for Palestine Statement against the Genocide in Gaza](#)

## Week 3: Team Specific Orientation

### Required Readings *Colonial Tech + Palestine*

- <https://stopkiller.ai/> a visual essay project by Visualizing Palestine on AI being used against Palestinians in Gaza
- [#No Tech For Apartheid video series](#) (2:58:00)
- Chapter One from [Archival Silences](#) by Michael Moss and David Thomas

## Week 4: Project Work & Ongoing Readings

### Required Readings

- *Martyred Palestinian political prisoner Walid Daqqa*
  - [In Memory of Walid Daqqa by Basil Farraj](#)
  - [A Place Without a Door and Uncle. Give me a Cigarette by Walid Daqqa \(Short Stories\)](#)
  - [Sana' Daqqa: The Palestinian Prisoners' Movement and the Struggle for Liberation](#) (~1:00:00)
  - [To Escape from Death and Face it Again. Conversations with My Family](#) (Testimony from Gaza)

### Suggested Readings

- [My Children and I are Alone in a Residential Building in Gaza](#) (Testimony from Gaza)
- [Gazan Journalist: Surviving Day 5 of Israeli Bombs](#) (Testimony from Gaza)

## Week 5: Project Work & Ongoing Readings

### Required Readings

#### Israeli Damage to Palestinian Heritage & Culture:

1. [Israeli Damage to Archives, Libraries, and Museums in Gaza, October 2023–January 2024](#)
2. [The Second Preliminary Report on the Cultural Sector Damage](#)

## On Writing, Solidarity and Languages

- When We Cease To Speak- A graphic recording by Jana Traboulsi
- On Writing Borderlands / La Frontera, Gloria Anzaldua (P 187-197), [The Gloria Anzaldúa Reader](#)
- OPTIONAL: [Who's Afraid of Minor Detail?](#) + [Conversation:- In the last four weeks language has deserted me': Adania Shibli on being shut down](#)

## If Time Allows

- *Martyred Palestinian Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) leader and writer Ghassan Kanafani* [Short Documentary](#) (9:13) and [Interview](#) (6:57) with Ghassan Kanafani
- [Returning to Haifa](#) Short Story Ghassan Kanafani (1969) (Pages 149-188)
- [Gazan Student: Escaping Death Twice](#) (Testimony from Gaza)

## Suggested Readings

- [To be Displaced at an UNWRA School in Gaza](#) (Testimony from Gaza)
- ['We've Cried Too Much': A Testimony from the Beach Camp in Gaza](#) (Testimony from Gaza)

## Week 6: Project Work & Ongoing Readings

### Required Readings

- [Light in Gaza: Writings Born of Fire \(free e-book\)](#) (pages 1-59)
- [A Care-Centered Guide to Digitally Archiving Palestine Zine \(2024\)](#)

## Week 7: Project work & Ongoing Readings

### Required Readings

- [Light in Gaza: Writings Born of Fire \(free e-book\)](#) (pages 60-118)
- [Black-Palestinian Transnational Solidarity: Renewals, Returns, and Practice by Noura Erakat and Marc Lamont Hill](#)

## Week 8: Project work & Ongoing Readings

### Required Readings

- [Light in Gaza: Writings Born of Fire \(free e-book\)](#) (pages 119-177)
- [From the River to the Sea to Every Mountain Top: Solidarity as Worldmaking by Robin D.G. Kelley](#) (24 pages)